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FOREIGN CROP AND LIVE STOCK REPORTS.

To Field Agents:

The accompanying notes on foreign agriculture are for your information and for such other use as you find advisable. Some of these notes might be included in the printed reports which some agents are issuing in cooperation with State authorities.

It is planned to issue these foreign crop and live stock reports regularly, probably twice a month.

STOCKS OF FARM PRODUCTS ON HAND IN NEW ZEALAND FOR 1919.-According to the best information obtainable, the stocks of farm products in New Zealand are not more than sufficient to supply the demands save in the case of dairy products, meat, and wool. In fact the Government will probably have to purchase anywhere from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 bushels of wheat to supply the demands for the year 1919, and the outlook is not promising for the immediate future. Report from the Consul General at Auckland, New Zealand, December 27, 1918.

PRODUCTION OF PEANUTS IN JAPAN AND FORMOSA.-According to a report from Consul General George H. Scidmore at Yokohama, the estimated production of peanuts in Japan and Formosa in 1918 is 3,486,000 bushels against 3,738,000 bushels in 1917, and 3,634,000 bushels in 1916. Commerce Reports.

CROPS AND LIVE STOCK IN THE STATE OF JALISCO, MEXICO, IN 1918.-Consul John R. Silliman, Guadalajara, Mexico, under date of December 12, 1918, reports the production of the main crops and the number of live stock in the State of Jalisco, Mexico, in 1918 as follows: Wheat 70,988,824 bushels, corn 17,026,900 bushels, beans 1,418,909 bushels, chick peas 567,654 bushels, sugar 28,660,100 pounds, and live stock 1,000,000 head. Commerce Reports, February 21, 1919.

The SOUTH AUSTRALIA WHEAT crop for 1918-19 is estimated at 21,302,459 bushels, as compared with 28,692,594 bushels in 1917-18.

NEW SOUTH WALES reports a WHEAT area of 3,215,030 acres, and a production of 18,048,000 bushels for 1918-19. Last year (1917-18) 37,843,930 bushels were harvested from 3,821,500 acres.

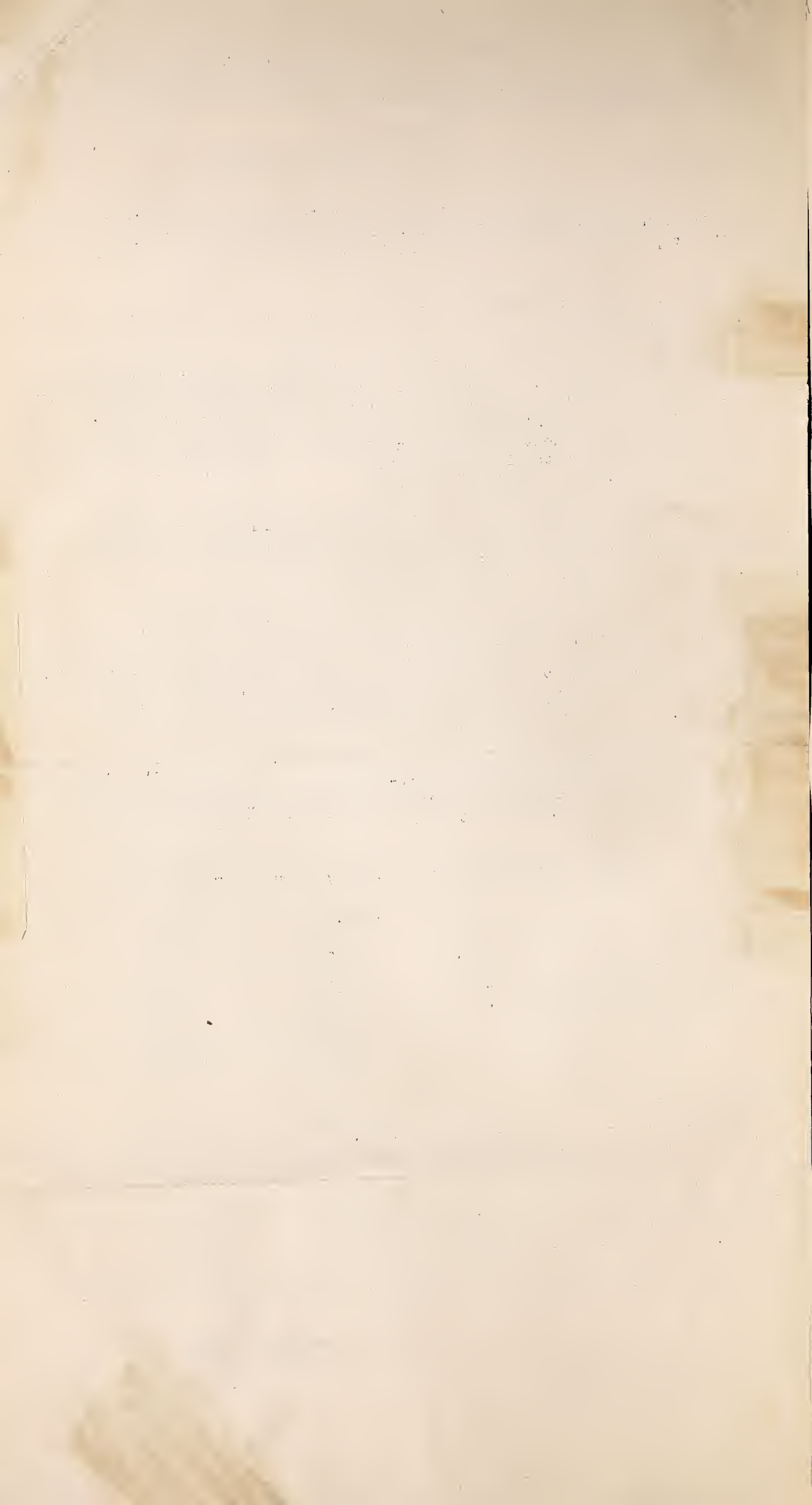
CANADA: STATISTICS OF CREAMERIES AND CHEESE FACTORIES.

		1915.	1916.	1917.
Establishments:				
Creameries	Number.	950	993	949
Cheese factories	"	1,871	1,813	1,900
Combined factories	"	678	624	549
Condensed milk factories	"	14	16	20
Total		3,513	3,446	3,418
Production and value of creamery butter:				
Quantity	Pounds.	83,991,453	82,564,130	87,404,366
Value	Dollars.	24,385,052	26,966,355	34,227,188
Production and value of factory cheese:				
Quantity	Pounds.	183,887,837	192,968,597	194,904,336
Value	Dollars.	27,097,176	35,512,622	41,170,563

Report recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics of Canada.

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ARGENTINA

(Consul General W. Henry Robertson,
Buenos Aires, December 12, 1918.)

About 132,000 short tons of SUGAR will be produced from the 1918 crop and about an equal amount imported by April 30, 1919.

As the normal domestic consumption of sugar in Argentina is about 220,000 tons per annum, between now and the end of next April there should be about 264,000 tons of sugar on hand or about 44,000 tons in excess of domestic needs. -
Commerce Reports.

DENMARK

(Consul Agerton, Copenhagen, February 7, 1919.)

Production of ROOT CROPS in 1918. The figures in parentheses are for 1917: Potatoes 40,605,000 bushels (31,882,000); Carrots 143,000 short tons (115,000); Beets 5,805,000 tons (4,645,000); Kohl-rabi 5,025,000 tons (6,043,000); Turnips 2,573,000 tons (3,032,000); Sugar beets 1,041,000 tons (973,000).

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, February 1, 1919.)

The steady demobilization of agricultural laborers from the Army is relieving the scarcity of farm hands, and in several parts of the country the supply has been nearly, if not quite, sufficient for the requirements of a wet month. Skilled labor is, however, still scarce. Owing to the lateness of the season and the deficiency of labor, proper cultivation in the autumn was frequently neglected, and it is expected that the preparation of the land for the spring crops will require more labor than usual.

FRANCE

Commercial reserves of foodstuffs, December 31, 1918.

(Journal d'Agriculture Pratique, February 6, 1919.)

Product		Warehouses and ports.	Floating cargoes.
Wheat	Bushels	4,589,877	2,592,768
Flour	Barrels	375,780	544,516
Corn	Bushels	544,119	530,698
Barley	"	172,671	196,499
Rye	"	235,172	171,195
Oats	"	114,901	.....
Beans	"	120,022	.....
Haricots	"	136,726	.....
Sugar, foreign...	short tons	41,919	.....
" domestic..	" "	70,887	.....
" colonial..	" "	2,064	.....

Besides there are 5,714 short tons of coffee in the ports of Havre and Nantes and 8,429 tons of coffee bought in Brazil but not yet shipped to France.

GREECE

(Vice Consul C. H. Corafo, Athens, December 19, 1918.)

Good weather and the consequent ripening of the olives have brought about nearly 4,000,000 gallons in excess of predictions. The harvest of olive fruit totals 140,000,000 gallons and the production of OLIVE OIL amounts to 35,248,500 gallons. - Commerce Reports.

ITALY

(Report from the U. S. Military Attache at Rome, received through the courtesy of Colonel John M. Dunn, General Staff, Acting Director of Military Intelligence.)

Professor Nazareno Strampelli, who has been experimenting on WHEAT at Rieti since 1903, has produced a hybrid which he has named in honor of his wife Carlotta Strampelli, and which has proved to have excellent qualities of resistance to rust and to yield good harvests. About 247,000 acres of land are now under cultivation for seed of this variety. Professor Strampelli estimates that by sowing this wheat on 4,942,000 acres of land after 1920, at which time sufficient seed will be available, the annual wheat harvest of Italy can be increased by 40,000,000 bushels and Italy will be freed almost entirely from the necessity of importing wheat.

SPAIN

(Consul Robert Harnden, Seville, January 3, 1919.)

The following is a private estimate of the OLIVE OIL exportable surplus for 1919. Production 1917-18, including holdovers, 507,000 short tons; production 1918-19 254,000 tons; production 1918-19 plus stock on hand 482,000 tons; annual consumption 254,000 tons; exportable surplus for 1919 228,000 short tons. - Commerce Reports.

RESUMPTION OF BANANA EXPORTS

(Consul George K. Stiles, Teneriffe, December 3, 1918.)

The first allied steamer to load bananas for two years left the port of Teneriffe for Liverpool on December 3, 1918 with approximately 12,000 crates of bananas. - Commerce Reports.

SWEDEN

(Vice Consul Martin Leaf, Norrkoping, Sweden, January 14, 1919.)

CEREALS look promising in south Sweden but conditions in central Sweden are not so promising as it is feared that the alternative frosts and mild weather are damaging the grain.

It is evident that the CEREAL ACREAGE will be less in 1919, as a greater acreage will probably be devoted to sugar beets due to the fact that the Government increased the price of sugar beets to farmers from \$1.42 to \$2.24 per metric quintal (\$12.88 and \$20.32 per short ton, respectively.)

CHINA

(Consul General George E. Anderson, Hongkong, January 10, 1919.)

There is a very serious RICE SHORTAGE in South China and the Far East generally, and so far as the South China field is concerned, nothing short of a rice famine is in sight. The crop prospects in Indo-China are so doubtful and the new crop so short of normal that supplies from this source are not forthcoming. Neither are supplies available in Siam where the markets have already been drawn upon by Japanese and other foreign interests, nor in Burma whence further export of rice has been prohibited by the Government in order to relieve the situation in India.

The situation in Japan is such that already riceless days have been instituted. - Commerce Reports.

CHINA: TIENTSIN CONSULAR DISTRICT.

(Consul General P. S. Hintzelman, Tientsin, China.)

Large quantities of PEANUTS are grown in Chihli Province. The annual commercial production is about 14,000 tons. - Commerce Reports.

BRITISH INDIA

According to the final official estimates last year was marked by a considerable decrease in the area and production of JUTE and a still more serious reduction in the area and yield of INDIGO and SESAMUM. The figures compared with those of the preceding year, which are given in parentheses, are as follows:

JUTE area 1918 2,497,214 acres (2,735,999 acres) production 1918 7,009,060 bales of 400 pounds (8,929,067 bales): INDIGO area 1918-19 500,700 acres (710,600 acres) production 1918-19 4,939,200 pounds (9,889,600 pounds): SESAMUM area 1918-19 3,251,000 acres (4,023,000 acres) production 1918-19 210,560 tons of 2000 pounds (372,960 tons).

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JAPAN

(Consul General George H. Scidmore, Yokohama.)

The actual RICE crop in 1918 did not come up to estimates published by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce early in November, which stated that the yield would amount to 285,553,177 bushels. The authorities believe that there will be a SHORTAGE of 15,357,000 bushels in the rice supply in Japan in 1919. Merchants in this line are of the opinion that about 25,595,000 bushels of FOREIGN RICE will have to be imported to cover the deficit. - Commerce Reports.

MANCHURIA

The Manchuria Daily News gives the EXPORTS of BEANS from Manchuria for 1917 as 205,853 tons; bean cakes, 821,941 tons; and bean oil, 104,213 tons. During 1918 it is estimated that the bean oil exports from Manchuria netted 200,000 tons. - Commerce Reports.

MADAGASCAR

(Consul James G. Carter, Tananarive, Madagascar, November 9, 1918.)

Production 1917

Rice	short tons	702,296	:	Leaf tobacco	lbs.	4,290,152
Manioc	" "	994,127	:	Peanuts	short tons	1,069
Corn	bushels	3,663,061	:	Tapioca	" "	938
Lima beans	" "	598,439	:	Sugar	" "	658
Manioc flour			:	Vanilla	lbs.	703,267
and fecula	short tons	4,204	:			
Coffee	" "	2,953	:			
			:			

Livestock

	:	December 31, 1917.	:	December 31, 1916.
	:	<u>Number</u>	:	<u>Number</u>
Cattle	:	71,144,634	:	6,911,947
Hogs	:	565,121	:	543,585
Sheep	:	565,598	:	308,751
Goats	:	194,915	:	173,926
Horses	:	3,086	:	2,930
Ostriches	:	662	:	510
	:		:	

AUSTRALIA

(Excerpts from Monthly Report on Commerce and Industry, of Australia.)

It is difficult to obtain the exact figures concerning amounts of commodities AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. It is estimated that at the present time there are 186,667,000 bushels of WHEAT in the COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA awaiting shipment.

The drought that was anticipated in VICTORIA early in the season has not turned out to be at all so serious. Reports received from the various districts in VICTORIA show that WHEAT is turning out better than was expected and it is estimated that the crop will be 25,000,000 bushels. Other grain is also good.

GERMANY

The following statistics were taken from recent issues of an official German newspaper, Deutscher Reichsanzeiger and Preussischer Staatsanzeiger, which have just become accessible to the Bureau of Crop Estimates. Alsace-Lorraine is not included in the estimates.

Crops

Crop	Area (000 omitted)			Production (000 omitted)		
	1918	1917	1913	1918	1917	1913
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Wheat	3,547	3,573	4,539	90,330	81,791	162,329
Spelt	381	397	673	10,515	10,988	24,139
Rye	14,200	13,650	15,712	315,301	274,677	477,513
Barley	3,640	3,738	3,966	103,720	89,886	163,718
Maslin	291	...	...	5,749	...	...
Oats	8,071	8,625	10,688	322,475	249,964	654,766
Potatoes	6,740	6,186	8,207	1,082,816	1,264,374	1,942,057
Pears	257	...	...	3,854	...	...
Maslin mixed						
with oats	743	2,429
Sugar beets	993	992	1,403	2,10,895	2,11,009	2,18,603

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GERMANY Continued.

Livestock

Kind	Without Alsace-Lorraine.			With Alsace-Lorraine
	Dec. 4, 1918	Dec. 1917	Dec. 1, 1913	Dec. 1, 1913
Horses	Number	Number	Number	Number
(Army horses excluded):	3,378,481	3,266,671	1 3,360,893	1 3,435,283
Cattle	17,226,855	19,649,575	20,443,827	20,994,344
Sheep	5,299,008	4,918,279	5,476,480	5,520,837
Swine	10,080,375	10,777,725	25,166,267	25,659,140
Goats	4,137,289	4,210,499	3,473,778	3,548,384
Poultry	49,771,827	57,347,441	79,591,401	82,474,317
Rabbits	8,893,911	8,040,749

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WORLD CROPS, 1917-1919.

It is planned to issue these statements with the Foreign Crop Report, at the beginning of each month, and to show the latest estimates available. The figures are taken directly from official reports of the respective countries, also from the International Institute of Agriculture and other dependable sources which give early quotations of official (government estimates.

CORN

Country	Area (000 omitted)			Production (000 omitted)		
	1919	1918	1917	1919	1918	1917
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
North America						
United States		107,494	116,730		2,582,814	3,065,233
Canada		250	234		6,947	7,763
South America						
Argentina		8,715	8,969		170,660	58,839
Chile						1,533
Europe						
France		841	738			16,213
Italy		3,459	3,572		66,925	75,454
Roumania			1,077			
Spain		1,169	1,175		24,141	29,564
Switzerland		7	5		358	254
Asia						
British India			6,544			93,76
Japan		144	142			3,70
Africa						
Algeria			20			30
Egypt			1,685			63,75
Union of S. Airica		3,300	3,150		29,708	36,51
Australasia						
Australia			360			8,52
New Zealand		8	6		425	27

WHEAT

Country	Area (000 omitted)			Production (000 omitted)		
	1919	1918	1917	1919	1918	1917
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
North America -						
United States		59,110	45,089		917,100	636,655
Canada		17,354	14,756		189,301	233,743
South America						
Argentina	16,976	17,875	16,089	184,268	219,431	77,393
Chile					28,292	24,067
Uruguay		1,014	780		12,860	5,390
Europe						
Denmark		141	131		6,320	4,296
France		11,927	10,397			144,149
Italy		10,798	10,437		176,368	139,999
Luxemburg		24	22		512	328
Netherlands		143	122		4,823	3,452
Norway		20	20			432
Portugal			685			5,560
Spain		10,228	10,340		135,709	142,674
Sweden		377	329		6,616	6,864
Switzerland		203	139		7,095	4,556
United Kingdom ...		2,796	2,106		93,099	66,350
Asia						
British India	23,472	35,497	32,940		379,829	379,232
Japan		1,486	1,393		31,127	34,739
Africa						
Algeria		3,186	3,222		49,199	23,151
Egypt		1,286	1,116		32,555	29,834
Tunis		1,413	1,310		8,451	6,963
Union of S. Africa	953	925	755	8,600	8,833	4,790
Australasia						
Australia	8,648	9,678	11,533	80,835	114,866	152,420
New Zealand	226	286	219		6,761	5,083

OATS

North America						
United States		44,400	43,553		1,538,359	1,592,740
Canada		14,790	13,313		380,274	403,010
South America						
Argentina	2,980	3,200	2,525	44,120	68,635	32,009
Uruguay		156	142		3,697	1,926
Europe						
Denmark		981	981		41,543	37,653
France		7,227	7,706			237,426
Italy		1,211	1,107		41,336	33,839
Luxemburg		48	56		1,459	2,015
Netherlands		356	371		17,182	18,594
Norway		343	356			17,004
Spain		1,507	1,425		30,474	33,048
Sweden		1,785	1,929		64,684	70,754
Switzerland		86	70		5,188	4,602
United Kingdom ...		5,641	4,789		309,564	214,728
Africa						
Algeria		588	682		21,564	16,125
Tunis			124		3,858	3,996
Union of S. Africa		257	250			6,928
Australasia						
Australia		580	844		9,850	14,018
New Zealand		156	178		4,943	5,371

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BARLEY

Country	Area (000 omitted)			Production (000 omitted)		
	1919	1918	1917	1919	1918	1917
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
North America						
United States		9,679	8,933		256,375	211,759
Canada		3,154	2,392		77,290	55,058
South America						
Argentina			388			2,165
Uruguay		6	13		108	110
Europe						
Denmark		594	592		21,449	17,881
France		1,396	1,474			39,557
Italy		494	469		9,186	7,422
Luxemburg		7	7		136	154
Netherlands		58	52		2,176	2,573
Norway		156	116			4,021
Spain		4,209	4,086		90,496	76,747
Sweden		452	438		12,947	12,263
Switzerland		22	19		666	712
United Kingdom		1,840	1,797		65,029	59,290
Asia						
British India			7,856			155,447
Japan		2,721	2,888		76,052	88,896
Africa						
Algeria		2,794	2,839		58,422	28,070
Egypt		336	445		9,871	13,598
Tunisia		1,238	1,038		9,186	8,267
Union of S. Africa	55	58	57			1,000
Australasia						
Australia			230			4,080
New Zealand		31	30		833	759

RYE

North America						
United States		6,185	4,317		89,103	62,933
Canada		555	212		10,376	3,857
South America						
Argentina			180			858
Europe						
Denmark		537	436		12,716	8,858
France		1,942	2,002			27,503
Italy		272	279		4,724	4,460
Luxemburg		17	17		422	292
Netherlands		441	463		10,207	11,958
Norway		37	48			658
Spain		1,818	1,800		30,445	24,368
Sweden		936	813		25,646	15,748
Switzerland		72	55		1,850	1,758
United Kingdom		116	69			
Australasia						
Australia			9			98

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